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## Non-Irrigated Cropland Cash Rent: Value, by Counties, Wisconsin 2008-2009

County	2008	2009	County	2008	2009
Dollars per acre			Dollars per acre		
Barron	52.00	52.00	Brown	93.00	96.00
Bayfield	19.00	20.00	Calumet	82.00	85.00
Burnett	30.00	33.00	Door	54.00	52.00
Chippewa	62.00	67.00	Fond du Lac	91.00	89.00
Douglas	1/	17.00	Kewaunee	82.50	85.50
Polk	45.00	50.00	Manitowoc	72.50	76.00
Rusk	31.00	31.00	Outagamie	80.50	81.00
Sawyer	1/	31.00	Sheboygan	63.50	65.50
Washburn	30.00	34.00	Winnebago	79.00	77.00
<b>Northwest</b>	<b>45.50</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>East Central</b>	<b>79.00</b>	<b>79.00</b>
Ashland	1/	17.50	Crawford	86.00	81.00
Clark	51.50	52.00	Grant	138.00	136.00
Lincoln	28.50	30.00	Iowa	119.00	117.00
Marathon	49.50	50.00	Lafayette	162.00	163.00
Price	1/	30.00	Richland	84.00	82.00
Taylor	42.00	47.00	Sauk	95.00	91.00
<b>North Central</b>	<b>45.50</b>	<b>41.00</b>	Vernon	86.00	87.00
Langlade	1/	44.00	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>118.00</b>	<b>116.00</b>
Marinette	48.50	50.00	Columbia	107.00	110.00
Oconto	54.50	56.00	Dane	122.00	120.00
Shawano	54.50	55.00	Dodge	121.00	120.00
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>51.00</b>	Green	111.00	113.00
Buffalo	71.50	72.50	Jefferson	111.00	110.00
Dunn	66.00	62.00	Rock	131.00	134.00
Eau Claire	66.00	63.00	<b>South Central</b>	<b>119.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>
Jackson	74.00	70.50	Kenosha	94.50	99.00
La Crosse	87.50	86.00	Racine	95.00	95.00
Monroe	69.00	71.00	Walworth	122.00	126.00
Pepin	85.50	84.00	Washington	71.00	72.50
Pierce	76.00	76.00	Waukesha	72.50	77.50
St. Croix	64.50	65.00	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>93.00</b>	<b>90.00</b>
Trempealeau	80.00	76.00	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>82.00</b>	<b>84.00</b>
<b>West Central</b>	<b>72.00</b>	<b>72.00</b>			
Adams	55.50	56.50			
Green Lake	86.50	86.50			
Juneau	60.50	62.00			
Marquette	54.50	50.00			
Portage	48.50	51.00			
Waupaca	56.00	53.00			
Waushara	47.00	45.00			
Wood	46.00	45.00			
<b>Central</b>	<b>56.00</b>	<b>57.00</b>			

1/ Not published. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## February Milk Production

Wisconsin milk production totaled 2.00 billion pounds in February, up 108 million pounds from a year ago. Milk per cow averaged 1,585 pounds, 5 percent higher than last February. The number of milk cows in the state, at 1.26 million, was the same as last month, but 5,000 more than at this time last year. As of March 1, 2010, Wisconsin had 12,872 licensed milk cow herds, down 20 from last month and down 468 from March 2009.

Milk production in February in the 23 major states rose less than 1 percent from the previous February. Milk per cow averaged 1,640 pounds, an increase of 35 pounds over last year. The number of milk cows, at 8.32 million head was 3,000 more than January, but 168,000 fewer than last February.

Thirteen of the 23 major milk producing states had higher milk production when compared with last February, while 10 states had lower production. Washington had the highest gain in production, increasing 7 percent, followed by Wisconsin with a 6 percent increase. Idaho production rose by 4 percent, and Michigan rose by 3 percent. New Mexico and Texas both had a 5 percent loss in production.

**February Milk Production**

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2010/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,255	1,260	1,505	1,585	1,889	1,997	+6
CA	1,825	1,760	1,720	1,755	3,139	3,089	-2
ID	549	552	1,640	1,690	900	933	+4
MI	354	355	1,700	1,755	602	623	+3
MN	468	470	1,475	1,490	690	700	+1
NM	333	318	1,880	1,870	626	595	-5
NY	623	610	1,540	1,560	959	952	-1
PA	551	541	1,490	1,520	821	822	n.c.
TX	430	410	1,650	1,640	710	672	-5
23-state total	8,486	8,318	1,605	1,640	13,624	13,643	n.c.

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## March Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$16.00 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in February 2010, \$4.50 more than in February 2009. The March price is expected to drop \$1.10 to \$14.90 per cwt.

The U.S. milk price for March is predicted to decrease 80 cents for the month, to \$15.10 per cwt. All states are expecting a decline in price from February to March. Texas is expected to have the smallest decrease, at 30 cents per cwt. Wisconsin and Minnesota, on the other hand, are expecting some of the largest decreases, at \$1.10 and \$1.00 per cwt., respectively.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block price closed at \$1.3525 per pound on March 30, while barrels were \$1.3400 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.4900 per pound.

For the week ending March 20, 2010, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.3344 per pound and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.3018 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.4569 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for March will be released on April 2.

**Milk Prices 1/**

Selected states	February 2009		February 2010		March 2010	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	11.50	3.76	16.00	3.71	14.90	3.69
CA	10.50	3.74	14.22	3.74	13.50	3.69
ID	10.50	3.66	14.10	3.66	13.30	3.62
MI	12.30	3.71	16.70	3.68	16.00	3.66
MN	12.10	3.76	15.90	3.77	14.90	3.75
NM	11.00	3.58	15.50	3.69	14.70	3.65
NY	12.20	3.80	16.80	3.77	16.00	3.75
PA	13.50	3.80	18.10	3.75	17.30	3.70
TX	12.20	3.75	16.80	3.88	16.50	3.81
US	11.60	3.73	15.90	3.73	15.10	3.69
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	11.50	3.75	16.00	3.70	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	10.60	3.92	14.40	3.88	XXX	XXX

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

**Cold Storage Stocks, United States**

Commodity	February 28, 2009	January 31, 2010	February 28, 2010	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	541,739	587,740	597,001	+10
Swiss	23,322	26,188	27,727	+19
Other natural	327,480	359,211	358,894	+10
Total	892,541	973,139	983,622	+10
BUTTER	204,927	168,248	198,071	-3
FROZEN				
Beef	434,514	426,259	401,601	-8
Pork	624,477	492,287	516,801	-17
Chicken	647,759	630,249	624,323	-4
Turkey	462,395	302,058	345,810	-25

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

**U.S. Hog Inventory Down 3 Percent**

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010 was 64.0 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2009 and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009. Breeding inventory, at 5.76 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2009-February 2010 US pig crop, at 27.9 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009 and down 2 percent from 2008. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 4 percent from 2009 and down 6 percent from 2008. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.61 for the December 2009-February 2010 period, compared to 9.48 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.70 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

*Wisconsin hog and pig data will now only be published annually in December. To access the entire hog report go to: [www.nass.usda.gov/results](http://www.nass.usda.gov/results)*

**Veal and Lamb and Mutton Production at Record Low for February**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.74 billion pounds in February, down 2 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in February 2009.

Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.55 million head, up 1 percent from February 2009. The average live weight was down 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,285 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down slightly from February 2009. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.69 million head, down 3 percent from February 2009. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from February 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,400 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 3 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2010 commercial red meat production was 7.65 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

February 2009 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. February 2010 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Commercial Slaughter 1/, February 2010**

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	126.6	-1	2,547.6	+1
Calves	6.0	2/	74.0	n.c.
Hogs, all	38.0	-10	8,691.2	-3
Sheep and lambs	0.5	n.c.	178.4	-1

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

**Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/**

Type	Feb. 2009	Jan. 2010	Feb. 2010	Jan - Feb. 2/		Change from last year
				2009	2010	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	1,986	2,083	1,956	4,104	4,039	-2
Veal	11	12	11	23	22	-3
Pork	1,817	*1810	1,757	3,844	3,568	-7
Lamb & mutton	13	13	12	26	25	-3
Total red meat 3/	3,827	*3918	3,736	7,997	7,654	-4

\*Revised. 1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for corn, soybeans, oats, and milk are expected to decrease from February to March. However, prices for steers and heifers, beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, calves, hay other than alfalfa hay, and potatoes are expected to increase during the same period. Prices for alfalfa hay are expected to stay at about the same level as February.

As of mid-March, the average price Wisconsin farmers received for corn was \$3.42 per bushel, 5 cents below February and 41 cents below March 2009. Nationwide, corn prices averaged \$3.49 per bushel in mid-March, down 36 cents from March of last year.

Wisconsin soybeans decreased 57 cents per bushel from February, for an average of \$9.00 per bushel in mid-March. This is 6 cents below March of last year. U.S. soybeans sold for \$9.16 per bushel in mid-March, up 4 cents from March 2009.

Oat prices in Wisconsin averaged \$1.98 per bushel in mid-March, down 19 cents from February and 27 cents from March 2009. Nationally, oat prices were \$2.12 per bushel, down 65 cents from the March 2009 price of \$2.77 per bushel.

As of mid-March, alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$120.00 per ton, the same as in February. The average price for other hay types, at \$90.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from February.

Wisconsin steer and heifer prices averaged \$82.80 per hundred-weight (cwt.) in mid-March, \$2.00 above February. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter increased 90 cents per cwt. from February to \$50.90 in mid-March. Calf prices in mid-March were \$136.00 per cwt., up \$2.00 from February.

At the U.S. level, steer and heifer prices in mid-March were \$9.90 per cwt. above a year ago, at \$93.90. Prices for beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter, at an average of \$52.40 per cwt., were up \$8.00 from March of last year. Calf prices, at \$113.00 per cwt., were up \$7.00 from March 2009.

Wheat, barley, and hog monthly prices are not published separately for Wisconsin, but nationally, all wheat sold for \$4.63 per bushel in mid-March, a \$1.08 decrease from March 2009. U.S. winter wheat prices decreased \$1.07 from March of last year, averaging \$4.20 per bushel. Nationwide, barley sold for \$3.82 per bushel, \$1.21 below March 2009. Hog prices averaged \$52.80 per cwt., up \$8.90 from a year ago.

### Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		March 2009	Feb. 2010	Mar. 15, 2010	March 2009	Mar. 15, 2010
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk cows 1/	Head	-	-	-	-	-
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	75.10	80.80	82.80	84.00	93.90
Cows 2/	Cwt.	43.50	50.00	50.90	44.40	52.40
Calves	Cwt.	132.00	134.00	136.00	106.00	113.00
Milk, all	Cwt.	12.20	16.00	14.90	11.80	15.10
Corn	Bu.	3.83	3.47	3.42	3.85	3.49
Oats	Bu.	2.25	2.17	1.98	2.77	2.12
Soybeans	Bu.	9.06	9.57	9.00	9.12	9.16
Potatoes, all 3/ 4/	Cwt.	10.90	9.10	9.45	9.27	7.46
Fresh	Cwt.	12.00	5.75	-	11.89	-
Processing	Cwt.	9.70	11.00	-	7.02	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	105.00	120.00	120.00	138.00	111.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	70.00	85.00	90.00	110.00	98.60
Wheat, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.71	4.63
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	5.27	4.20
Barley, all 5/	Bu.	-	-	-	5.03	3.82
Dry Edible Beans 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	32.50	30.80
Apples, fresh use 5/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.22	0.30
Hogs, all 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	43.90	52.80

1/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 2/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 3/Entire month. 4/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 5/Mid-month. Monthly estimates for wheat, barley, dry beans, apples, and hogs are not published for Wisconsin. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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